

V I L L A G E O F A L M O N T

ORDINANCE NUMBER 96

VILLAGE WATER UTILITY ORDINANCE

*Act. 16  
Amended  
by Ord.  
#132  
JH.*

An ordinance regulating the control, operation, construction, repair, maintenance, responsibility, including all appurtenances thereof; and providing for the issuance of permits, collection of fees, setting of rates, making of inspections and providing for penalties for violations of this ordinance, and hereby repealing Ordinance Number 70 and Ordinance Number 91, and all previous ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith.

THE VILLAGE OF ALMONT ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation of this ordinance.

A. "SYSTEM" or "WATER SYSTEM" The complete water system of the Village of Almont, including but not limited to all wells, well houses, pumps, water storage facilities, pumping stations, water mains, water treatment facilities, and all other facilities used or useful in the connection with obtaining, treating, storing and distributing of water and the appurtenances and attachments thereto, whether presently owned or hereinafter acquired.

B. "CONSUMER" An owner of a house or other building or premises, or lot, or parcel of land to which water is supplied by the Village of Almont. The purpose of the ordinance, the furnishing of water service, shall be deemed to be the sale of a commodity and the relationship of the Village and the consumer shall be that of purchaser and vendor.

C. "WATER MAIN" Part of the Village Water System located within the easement lines or streets, designed to supply more than on (1) water connection.

D. "WATER CONNECTION" A part of the Village Water System connecting the water main with the premises served.

Section 2. Mandatory Water Connection.

Any property owner within the Village of Almont, where a water line of the System is located within one hundred (100) feet of the property line must be connected into the Water System. Wells may be permitted by the approval of the Village Council where no water line is available at the time of the service requested.

Section 3. Water Meters.

All premises using water shall be metered, except as otherwise provided in the ordinance. If thought necessary, the Village Council would approve a request for the use of a well, then such well which was approved shall be metered for the purpose of determining water use in affixing the proper sewer charge.

#### Section 4. Water System Permit Required.

No person shall tap any water main or distribution line of the water system, or insert therein any corporation stop, stop cork, or any other fixture or appliance, or alter or disturb any service pipe, corporation stop, curb stop, gate valve, hydrant, water meter, or any other attachment being part of the water system attached hereto, nor shall any person connect or disconnect any service pipe with or from the mains or distribution lines of the system without first obtaining a permit from the Village.

#### Section 5. Application for permit.

Prior to any service connection being made to any part of the water system, or any work being performed on an old or new connection, a permit shall be obtained from the Village administrator, manager, or clerk, and all fees shall be paid at that time. Such permit may be issued to the property owner or to the contractor performing the work.

The applicant shall provide all materials and labor to install that portion of the service not provided by the Village, subject to inspection by a designated person employed by the Village.

#### Section 6. Construction of Service Lines.

All service lines from the main to the meter in the building must be constructed of copper lines and brass fittings or other material approved either by Village Ordinance, Building Code, or National Code for underground service. No soldered joints will be permitted underground.

No water service line may be constructed within six (6) feet of any sewer line entering the building.

#### Section 7. Fees, Tapping Fees, Service Connection Fees, Inspection Fees.

Upon filing an application for a permit to connect to any water main or distribution pipe of the water system, there shall be paid the following fees as prescribed and regulated by the Village Council and set forth by resolution.

A. Tapping Fees. A fee including all costs of tapping the main, installing the corporation stop, furnishing and laying service line from the main to the property line, installing the stop cork, shut off box and meter. All materials so installed shall remain property of the Village.

The owner or contractor, at their option, may provide the labor and materials for the tapping of the main, subject to a fee for the inspection of said work.

B. Inspection fees. A fee of \$25.00 to reimburse the Village for the costs of inspecting water connections or parts thereof, not made by the Village or its employees.



C. Service Connection Fee. A fee to be paid by new connections to the system based on the following schedule:

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| 1. Single family residence                      | \$350.00      | <i>200.00<br/>see<br/>resolution<br/>3/15/77</i> |
| 2. Multiple dwellings per dwelling unit         | \$350.00      |  |
| 3. Commercial & Industrial service—a minimum of | \$350.00 plus |  |

additional fees based on the anticipated water usage over and above the average water usage of a single family residence. Said additional fee being computed as anticipated water usage unit times \$350.00.

A water usage unit is hereby defined as the average water usage of a single family residence.

#### Section 8. Distribution of Service: Liability.

The Village shall not be liable for any failure or deficiency in the water supply to the consumer, whether occasioned by shutting off the water to make necessary repairs, or for any other cause beyond the Village's Control.

#### Section 9. Procurement of Water Meters.

All water meters shall be procured from the water department upon presentation of a receipt from the Village Administrator or manager or clerk, stating that all fees are paid.

If at any time the Village shall install a water meter, then all costs of materials shall be borne by the property owner. However, on new construction, the contractor may obtain and install the water meter subject to inspection by the Village.

#### Section 10. Meters Accessible.

Water meters must be installed in a location in the basement not more than one foot from the wall through which the service pipe enters the basement. If another location is desired then the service line must be run under the footing and floor to such locations.

Where houses do not have basements then the water meters must be located in such place to keep from freezing and conveniently for the meter reader to take the reading, or otherwise an outside meter reader must be installed.

Hereinafter, no pit meters will be installed, In the case where pit meters are already in use, they will be removed if any problems arise.

#### Section 11. Responsibility for Meters.

The owner of the property where the meter is installed will be held responsible for any willful or malicious destruction, allowing the meter to freeze, or hot water backing up into the meter, and will be liable for all costs to repair or replace the meter. The village will be responsible for all costs caused by ordinary wear and tear.

## Section 12. Inspection.

All water connections to the Water System must remain open until inspected by some designated village employee for violations of this ordinance. If approved by the inspector the water service will be turned on. If violations are found to this ordinance than the water will not be turned on until they are corrected.

The Village employees so designated, shall have the power and authority at all reasonable times to enter upon any premises where water is furnished by the village water system for the purpose of reading meters, inspection of water system, checking for leaks, and shall have the authority to make recommendations to the customer that repairs shall be made as soon as possible. Persons failing to comply shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance and subject to the penalties provided.

## Section 13. Regulations Authorized.

The Village Council shall from time to time adopt such regulations for the operation and use of the water system as the council sees fit and expedient. Such regulations when adopted shall become a part of this ordinance and enforceable under the terms of this ordinance which apply to any violations.

## Section 14. Water Rates.

The charge for water from the village water system to the consumer within or out of the village limits shall be set forth by a resolution of the Village Council and may be reviewed from time to time as the Council sees necessary.

## Section 15. Non Working Meters.

If a meter becomes non working during any quarter in which meters are read, the Village Clerk shall check the records for the amount of water used during the same quarter a year prior and estimate the bill accordingly.

If the meter reader is unable to get to read the meter through no fault of the Village, and a card is left and not returned, the Village Clerk shall then apply the above procedure.

## Section 16. Collection of Water Bills. *amended by Ord. 132*

The consumer shall pay the water bill on or before the due date stamped on such bill. If a water bill is not paid by the due date stamped on such bill, 10% of the total bill shall be added per quarter.

If for some reason bills for two quarters become delinquent, and notices have been sent after the first quarter, then the water will be turned off at the street. A turn on fee of \$3.00 will be added at the time the bills are paid and a request to turn on the water is made.

Any exceptions to the above conditions must be approved by the Village Council at their Regular Business Meeting.



Section 17. Other Water Sales.

All water sold to any person or persons for the purpose of manufacturing, spraying, swimming pools and etc., shall be charged the rates set forth by resolution of the Village Council.


Section 18. Penalty Clause.

Any person or person violating any of the sections of this ordinance will be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fines up to \$100.00 and/or ninety days in the county jail.

Section 19. Repealer.

This ordinance when adopted and published shall repeal Ordinance Number 70 and Ordinance Number 91 of the Village of Almont Ordinance and all other ordinances inconsistent or in conflict, with the provisions hereof.

  
Betty J. Doster  
Almont Village Clerk

  
Frank H. Smith  
Almont Village President

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ADOPTED: November 4, 1975

EFFECTIVE: November 6, 1975

Motion by Heim, supported by Orr to clarify Section 7,  
Paragraph A of Water Ordinance Number 96, Tapping Fees:  
A fee including all costs of tapping the main, to be  
defined as total cost for labor and material for tapping  
the main. Motion carried.